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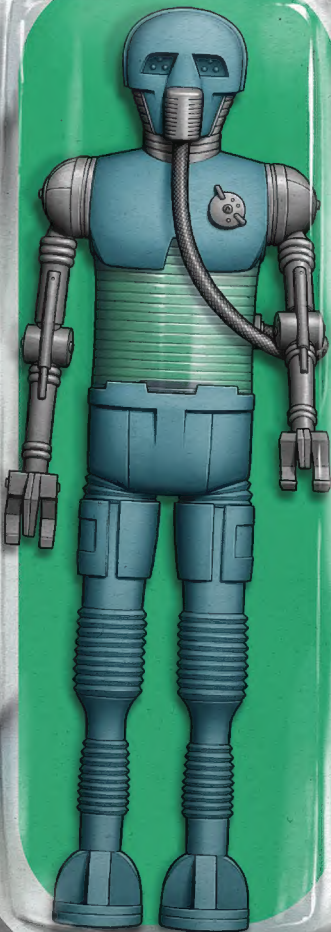
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YODA'S SECRET WAR

It is a time of renewed hope for the Rebel Alliance, but the Galactic Empire continues to hold its domination and has doubled its efforts to eliminate any who would stand against its rule.

The Alliance's heroes, pilot Luke Skywalker, Princess Leia, and smuggler-turned-soldier Han Solo, have just succeeded in stealing a massive Star Destroyer to deliver supplies to an ally planet.

However, their success does not come without cost — Darth Vader enlists a group of ultra-dangerous stormtroopers, Scar Squadron, to destroy the rebels. Even though Luke, Leia, and Han escape victorious, the stormtroopers, humiliated in their defeat, vow retribution. In order to force another battle, Scar Squadron turns its focus on its new prisoner: C-3PO....

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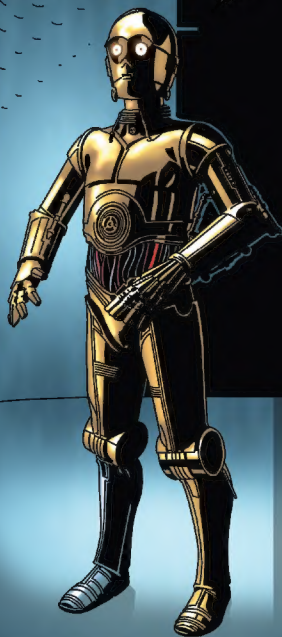
THE DEVASTATOR.

"AND THEN THERE WAS THE TIME I HELPED DESTROY THE DEATH STAR."



NOT TO BE CONFUSED WITH THE TIME I ASSISTED IN THE WHOLESALE DESTRUCTION OF THE IMPERIAL WEAPONS FACTORY ON CYMOON 1.

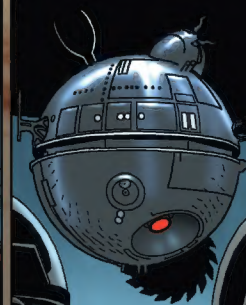
OR JUST THE OTHER DAY, WHEN I WAS QUITE PIVOTAL IN THE THEFT OF A STAR DESTROYER.



THIS IS OFFICIALLY THE WORST INTERROGATION I'VE EVER BEEN A PART OF.

I MEAN, MIC NEVER EVEN GOT TO USE HIS TORTURE BOTS.

LITERALLY ALL WE DID WAS ASK IT ONE QUESTION. AND NOW...



...NOW WE CAN'T GET THE STUPID THING TO SHUT UP.





HE'S TOLD US EVERYTHING HE KNOWS, LORD VADER. WHICH ISN'T MUCH THAT SEEMS PARTICULARLY USEFUL.

HE CAN'T LEAD US TO THE REBEL FLEET. AND HE DOESN'T KNOW WHERE THEY MIGHT BE LOOKING TO ESTABLISH A NEW BASE.

AS I SAID, NAVIGATION ISN'T EXACTLY MY STRONG POINT. WHY, I ONCE GOT LOST ABOARD AN ALDERAANIAN CRUISER NO LARGER THAN A--



WE CAN TAKE HIM APART AND SCOUR HIS MEMORY BANKS JUST TO BE SURE.

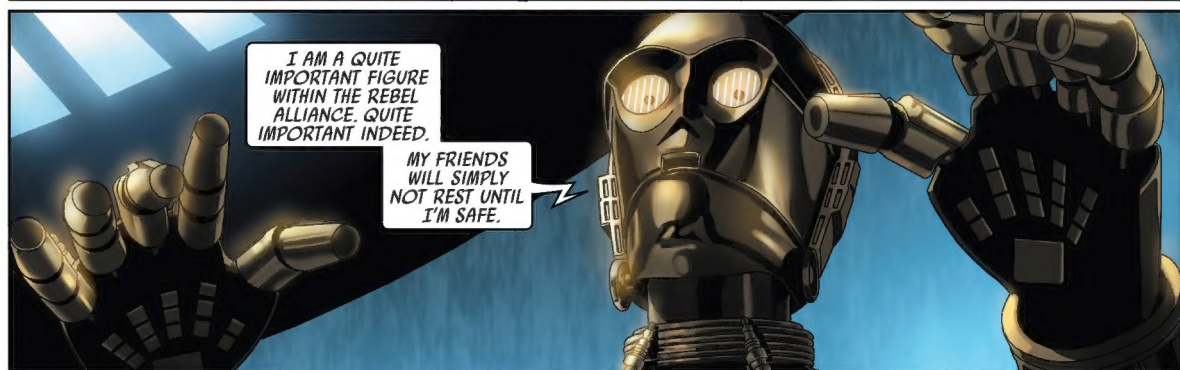
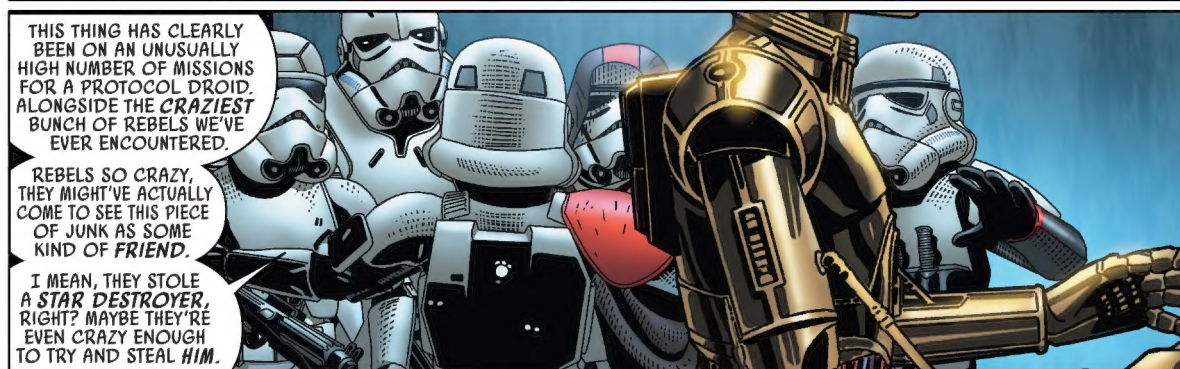
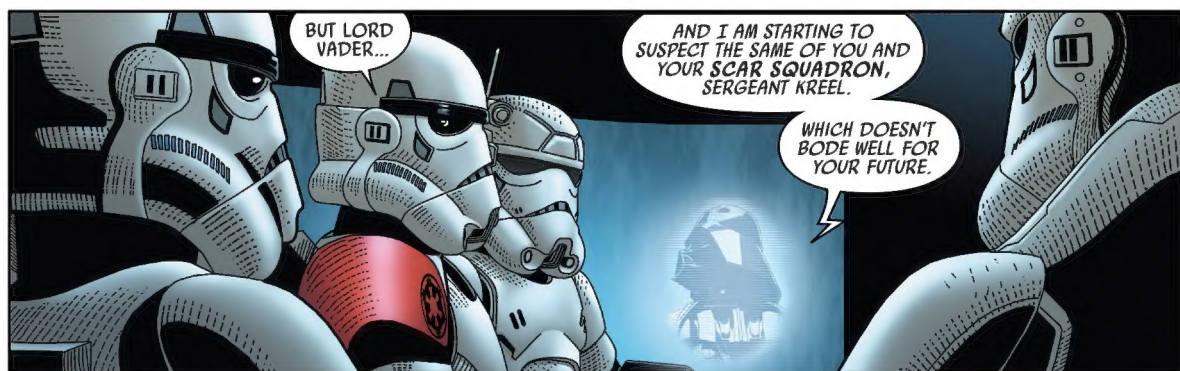
BEG YOUR PARDON, DID YOU SAY--

BUT I'M AFRAID IT'S LOOKING LIKE A BIT OF A DEAD--



GET RID OF IT.

IT IS NOTHING MORE THAN USELESS JUNK.





NO. ABSOLUTELY NOT. OF COURSE NOT.

I HATE TO SAY IT BUT...

WWWRRRRHH

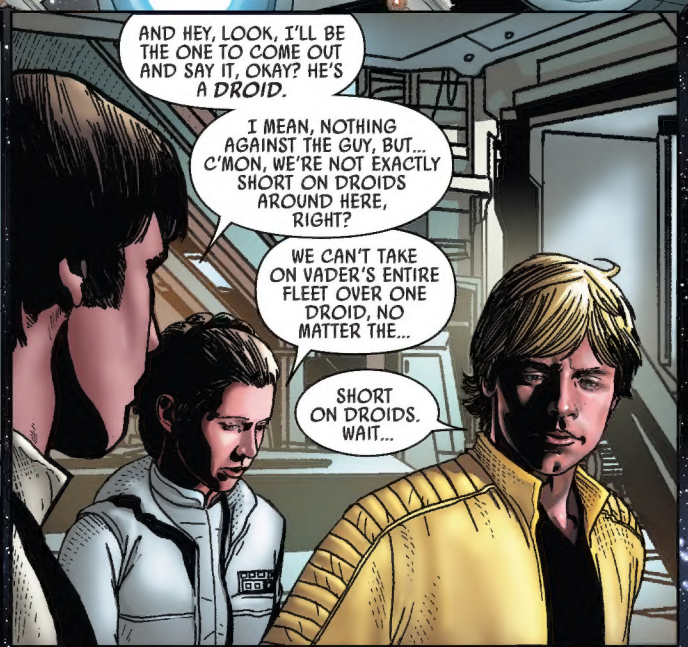


YOU WANNA GO AFTER HIM? YOU HEARD THE SAME MESSAGE I DID.

THREEPIO IS A PRISONER ON A STAR DESTROYER WITH DARTH VADER. YOU'D HAVE TO BE CRAZY TO...

RRRRHHHHH

YEAH, I KNOW WE JUST STOLE A STAR DESTROYER. WHICH IS WHY WE SHOULDN'T PUSH OUR LUCK.



AND HEY, LOOK, I'LL BE THE ONE TO COME OUT AND SAY IT, OKAY? HE'S A DROID.

I MEAN, NOTHING AGAINST THE GUY, BUT... C'MON, WE'RE NOT EXACTLY SHORT ON DROIDS AROUND HERE, RIGHT?

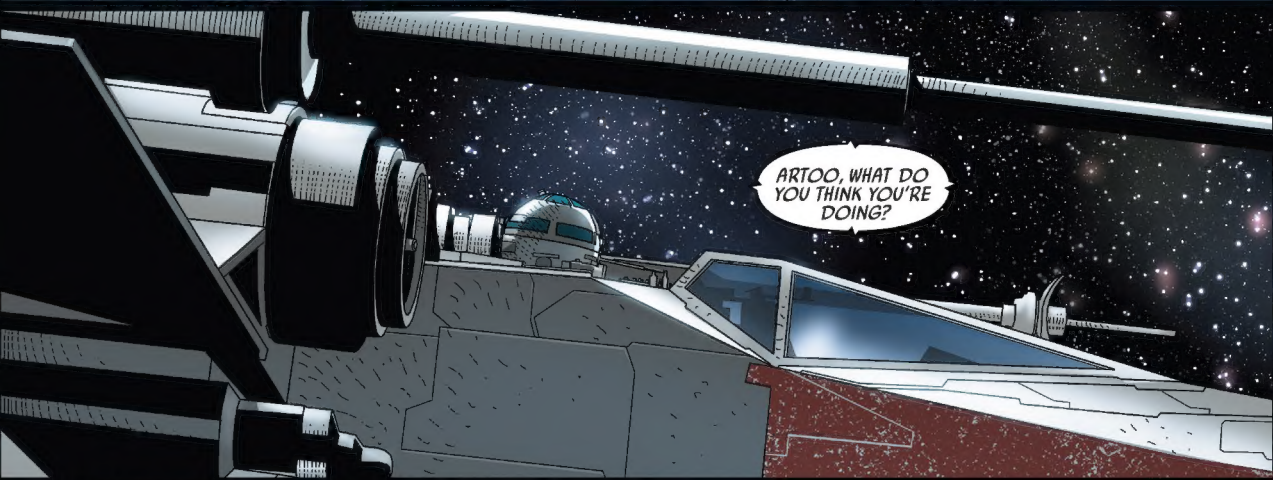
WE CAN'T TAKE ON VADER'S ENTIRE FLEET OVER ONE DROID, NO MATTER THE...

SHORT ON DROIDS. WAIT...

"WHERE'S
ARTOO?"



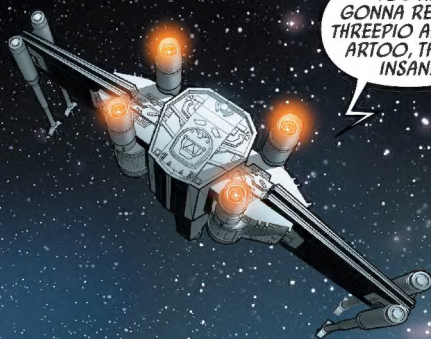
ARTOO, WHAT DO
YOU THINK YOU'RE
DOING?



**BWOOP
WOOBEEP
WOONWOO**



YOU'RE
GONNA RESCUE
THREEPIO ALONE?
ARTOO, THAT'S
INSANE.

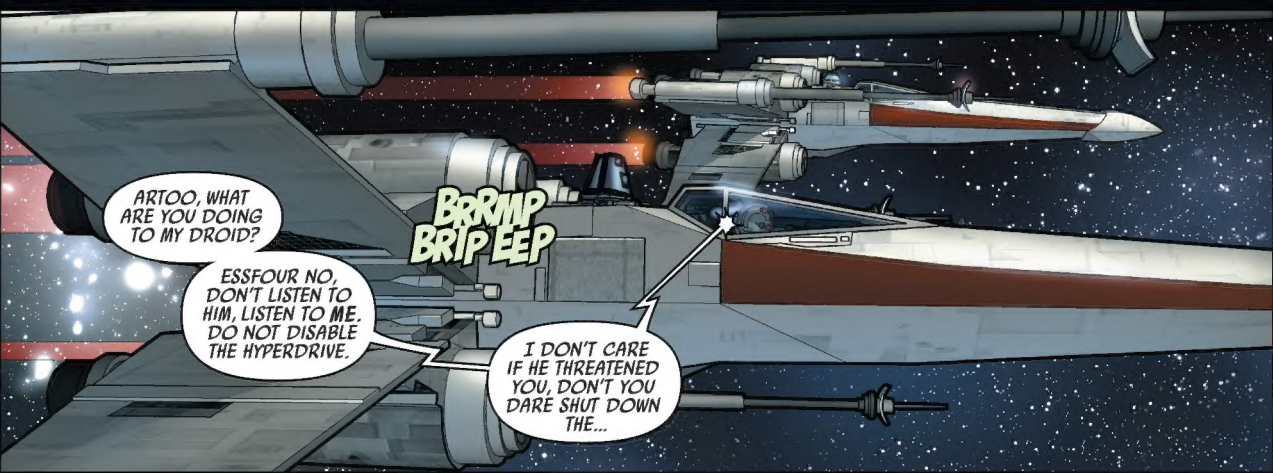
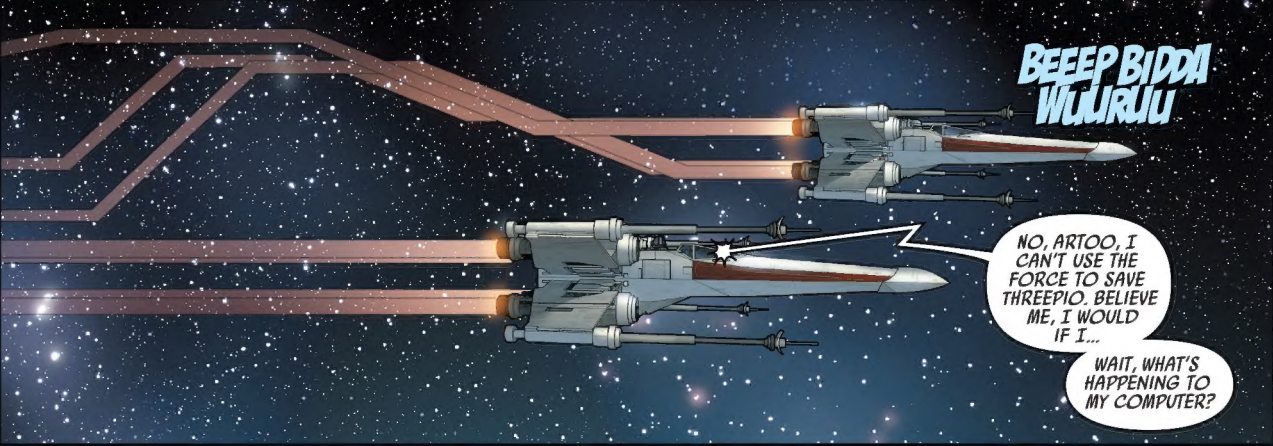


LISTEN, I'M
SORRY, I KNOW
HE'S YOUR
FRIEND.



**TWEEP
WIP
BRIP**

YOU'RE RIGHT.
HE'S **OUR** FRIEND.
BUT WE CAN'T GO
RUNNING OFF
LIKE THIS.



RED FIVE
TO BASE. I
LOST HIM.

WUDDA
WOOBÖÖ

SHUT UP,
ESSFOR.

JUST GET
TO WORK ON
REENABLING THE
HYPERDRIVE.

I'M SORRY,
ARTOO.

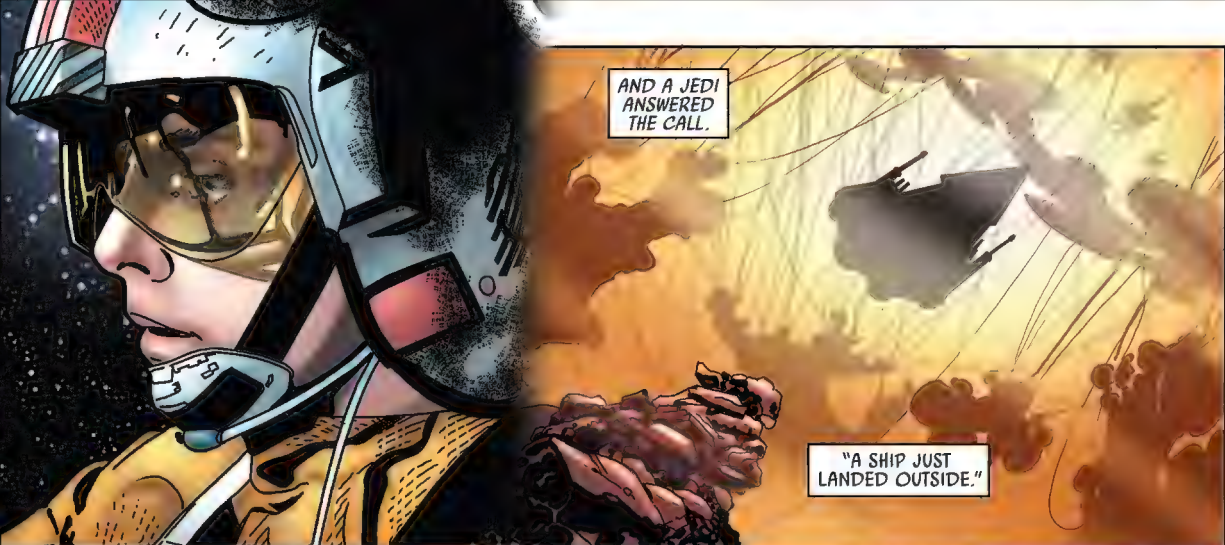
YOU WERE
RIGHT. IF I
WERE A JEDI,
I COULD...

OH,
YEAH...

LEONAL
DE
VANDU
JOURNAL

JOURNAL OF BEN KENOBI.

IT WAS A TIME BEFORE
THE CLONE WARS, DURING
THE TWILIGHT OF THE OLD
REPUBLIC, WHEN THERE WAS
A YOUNG ONE IN NEED...





THE JEDI COME AND TAKE THEM AWAY, MAKE THEM INTO MIGHTY WARRIORS WITH FANCY SWORDS.

BUT NO ONE TAKES ANYTHING OFF THIS PLANET WITHOUT FIRST PAYING THE FLESH MONGERS FOR THE PRIVILEGE.

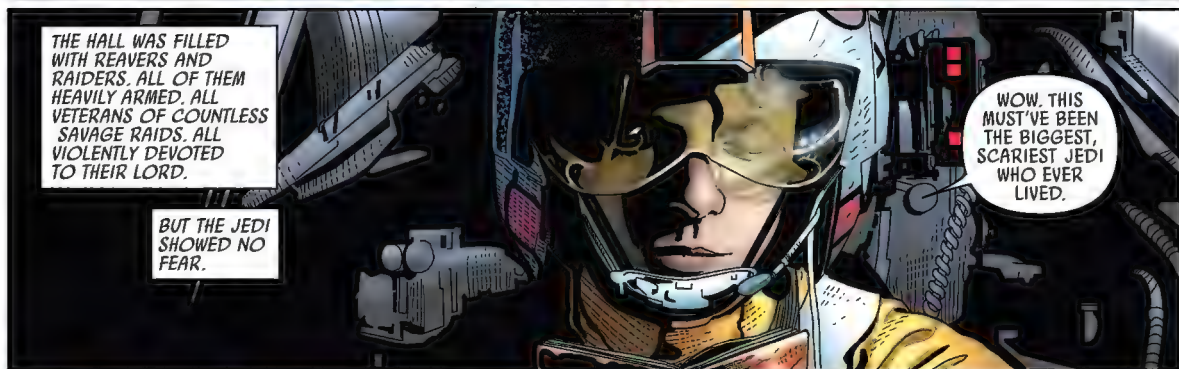
HOW MUCH DO YOU FIGURE YOU'RE WORTH, LITTLE FORCE BOY?

MASTER...



...HE'S HERE.

THE JEDI WALKED ALONE INTO THE LAIR OF THE PIRATE HORDE.



THE HALL WAS FILLED WITH REAVERS AND RAIDERS. ALL OF THEM HEAVILY ARMED. ALL VETERANS OF COUNTLESS SAVAGE RAIDS. ALL VIOLENTLY DEVOTED TO THEIR LORD.

BUT THE JEDI SHOWED NO FEAR.

WOW. THIS MUST'VE BEEN THE BIGGEST, SCARIEST JEDI WHO EVER LIVED.



THIS... THIS IS A JEDI?

RIGHT AWAY, THE PIRATES SHOWED THEIR IGNORANCE.



AND IN THAT MOMENT...

HA HA HA HA HAA HA

...SEALED THEIR
FATE.

FIND THIS
HUMOROUS, I
DO NOT.

COME FOR
THE **BOY**, I
HAVE.





HEH. AND WHAT ARE YOU SUPPOSED TO BE, LITTLE FELLA?

THE BOY'S ESCORT TO CORUSCANT, WHERE HIS TRAINING, HE WILL BEGIN.

THE BOY'S NOT GOING ANYWHERE UNTIL I SAY SO.

WHERE'S MY MONEY?



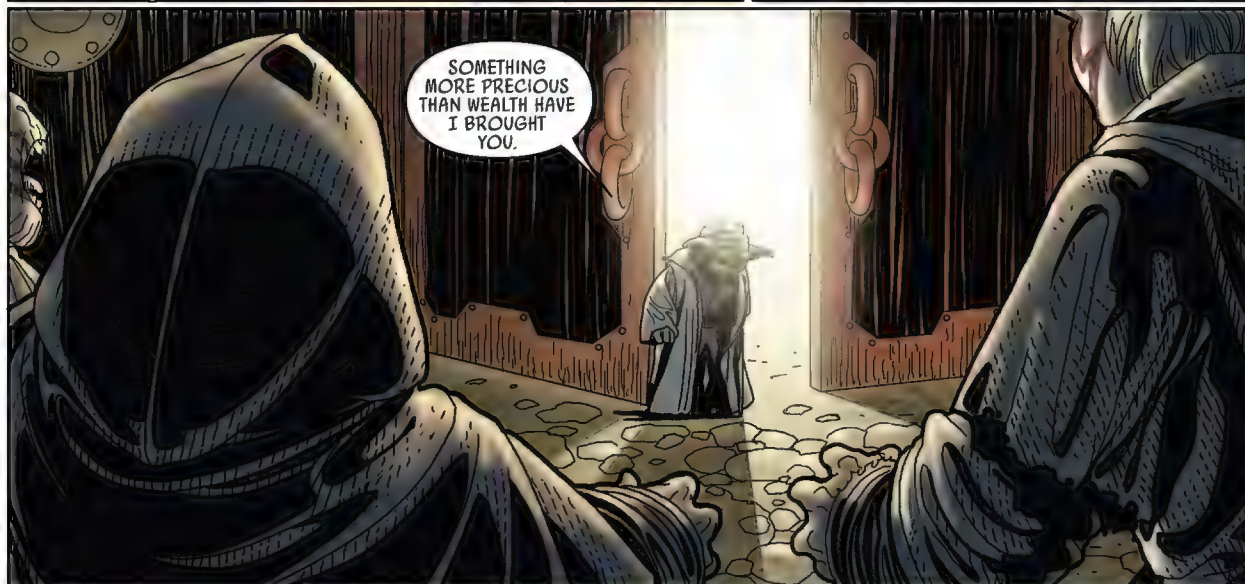
THE JEDI CARE NOT FOR WEALTH.

THE FORCE IS OUR ONLY COMPANION.



THEN IT LOOKS LIKE YOU AND THE FORCE JUST WALKED INTO A WHOLE MESS OF TROUBLE.

GUARDS. TEAR HIS HEAD OFF AND SEND IT BACK TO CORUSCANT. MAYBE THE NEXT JEDI THEY SEND WILL BRING US MORE THAN WORDS.



SOMETHING MORE PRECIOUS THAN WEALTH HAVE I BROUGHT YOU.



YEAH, AND WHAT'S THAT, LITTLE GUY?



WISDOM.

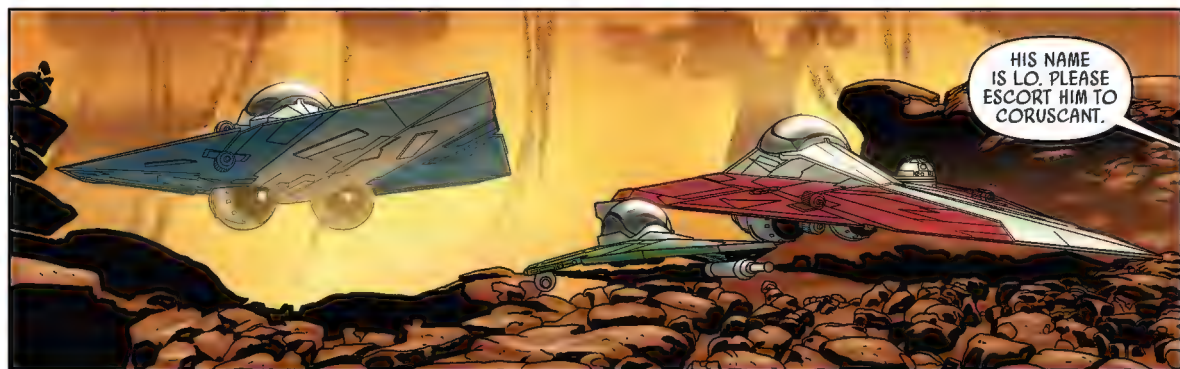


CHILD.

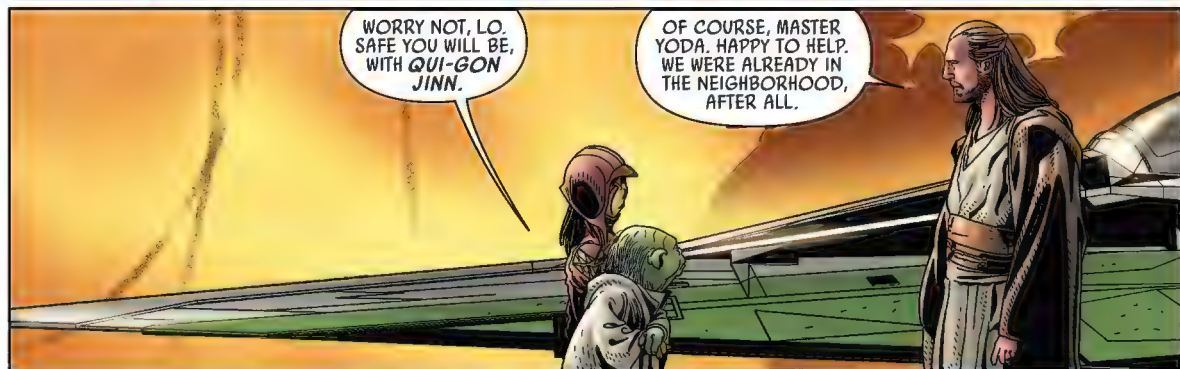
TIME
TO GO.

BEGUN
YOUR TRAINING
HAS.





HIS NAME IS LO. PLEASE ESCORT HIM TO CORUSCANT.



WORRY NOT, LO. SAFE YOU WILL BE, WITH QUI-GON JINN.

OF COURSE, MASTER YODA. HAPPY TO HELP. WE WERE ALREADY IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD, AFTER ALL.



I BELIEVE MY PADAWAN IS JUST SORRY WE MISSED ALL THE FUN.

HOLY... BLASTER BOLTS.

HOW DID HE TAKE OUT A WHOLE ROOM FULL OF PIRATES?



IS EVERYTHING ALL RIGHT, MASTER?

ON THE WAY HERE, A DISTURBANCE IN THE FORCE I FELT.

INTERESTING. I CONFESS I CANNOT FEEL IT.

A CALLING. FOLLOW IT I MUST.



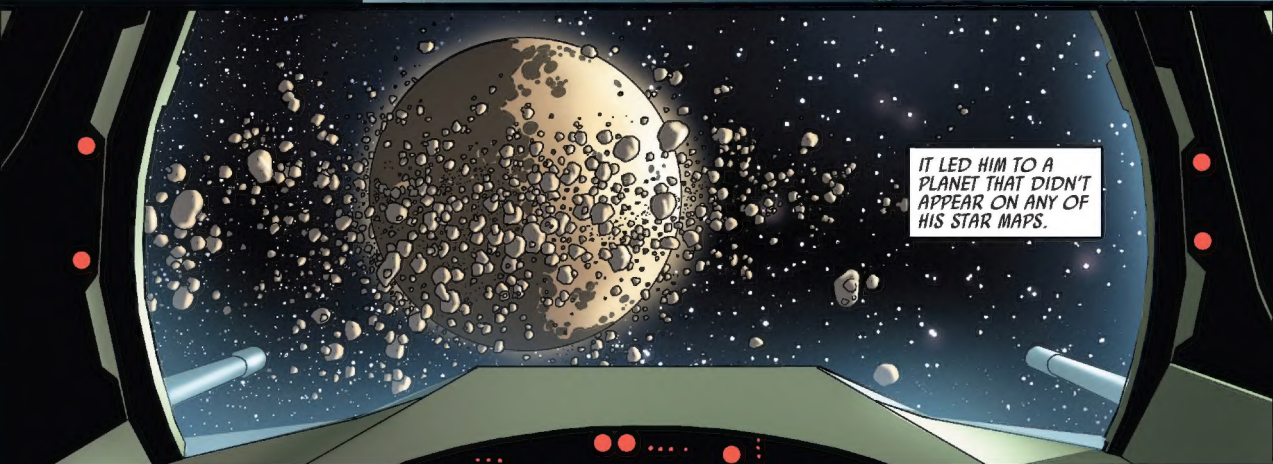
SHOULD WE COME WITH YOU?

A CALLING FOR ME IT WAS. WITH LUCK...



"...PROVE
ADEQUATE
I WILL."

SO THE JEDI MASTER
FOLLOWED THE MYSTERIOUS
FORCE CALL, WHICH WAS
UNLIKE ANY CALLING HE
HAD EVER FELT.



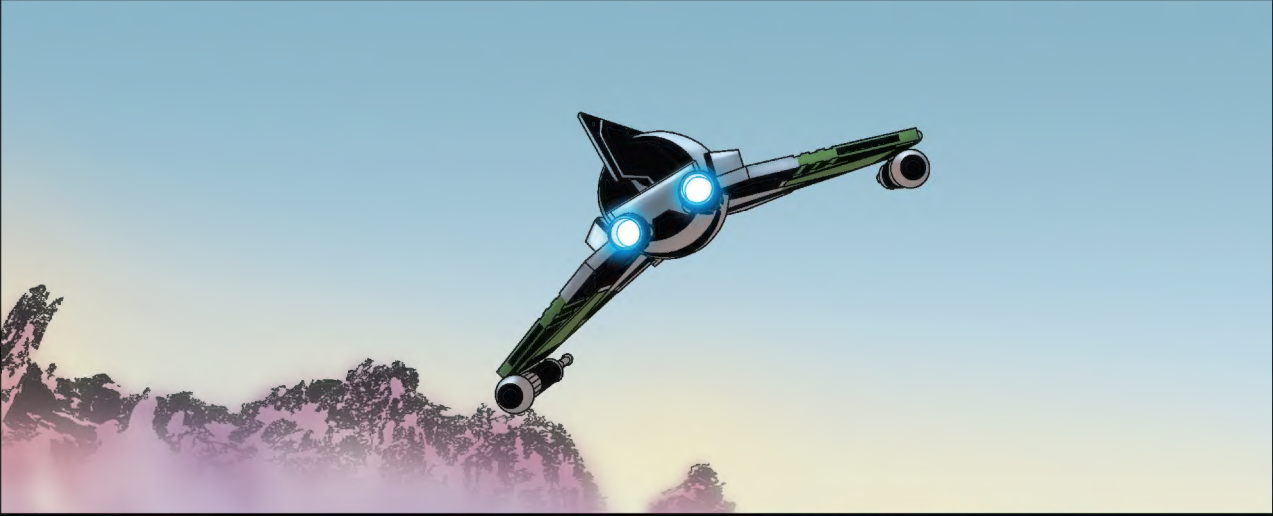
IT LED HIM TO A
PLANET THAT DIDN'T
APPEAR ON ANY OF
HIS STAR MAPS.



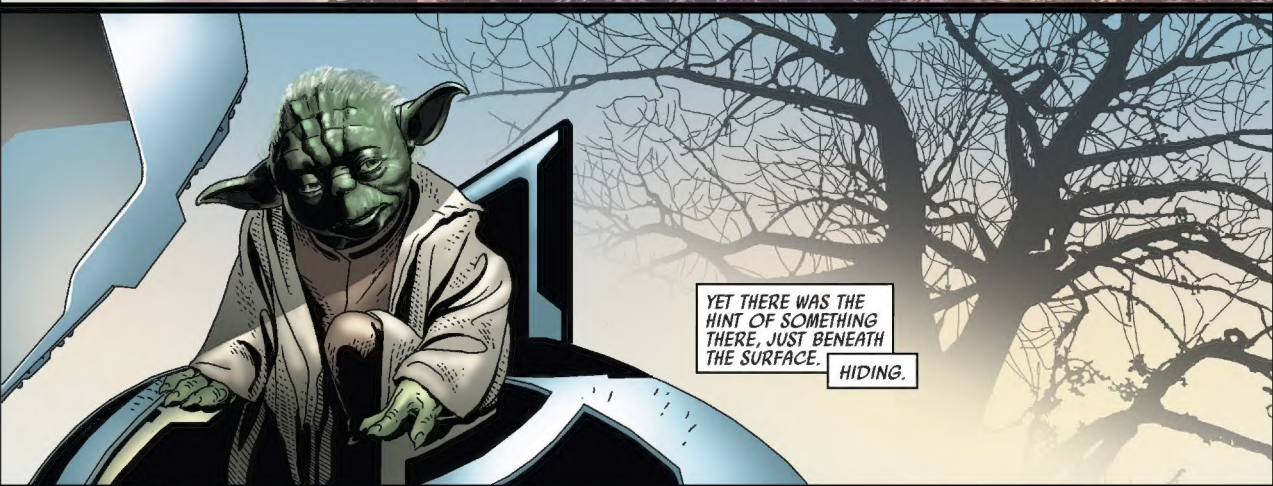
A PLANET SURROUNDED
BY AN ASTEROID BELT SO
DENSE AND DANGEROUS
THAT ONLY A FOOL OR
AN AMAZING PILOT WOULD
EVER DARE ENTER.



THIS JEDI MASTER
WAS NO FOOL.



IT WAS A DARK AND
DREARY WORLD.
SEEMINGLY LIFELESS.



YET THERE WAS THE
HINT OF SOMETHING
THERE, JUST BENEATH
THE SURFACE.

HIDING.



SOMETHING ANCIENT
AND POWERFUL.

GREETINGS.

COME IN
PEACE, I HAVE,
TO THIS HIDDEN
WORLD OF...

SOMETHING
UNEXPECTED.

...OF...
CHILDREN.



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